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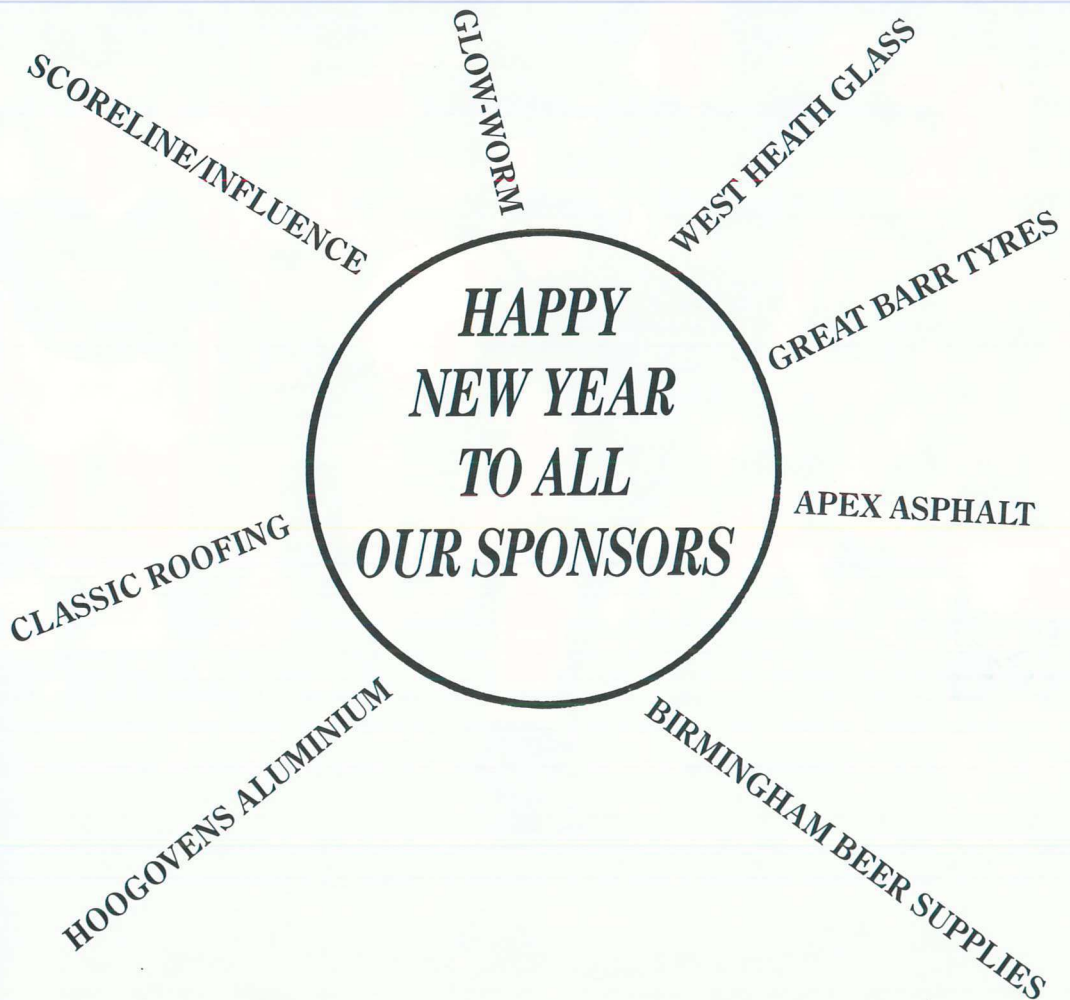
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I am writing these notes before the Christmas period starts, so hopefully we will have performed well in our matches against Tranmere and Brentford. The holiday period is a crucial time for all League clubs, playing so many matches in such a small space of time.

Hopefully after our game today against Bolton Wanderers, Blues will be in a strong position in the League, from which to mount a strong challenge for promotion in the New Year.

Bolton had a very poor start to the season, and have picked up exceptionally well to mount their challenge near the top of the table. The three points for a win system enables any team who can put together a winning run to leap up the table very quickly. At the end of the day it is only the final table which has any significance.

Our first match in the New Year is at Mansfield on Tuesday. Mansfield are not doing particularly well this season, but we will have to do better than we did last year when The Stags defeated us 5-1, with Steve Wilkinson scoring all their goals. I'm sure that the team would appreciate your support on New Year's Day.

I hope that you all had a very good Christmas, and I wish all Blues players and fans alike a Happy New Year. Let's work together to ensure a happy end of season as well.

DAVE MACKAY

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JOHN FRAIN powering the ball down the field.

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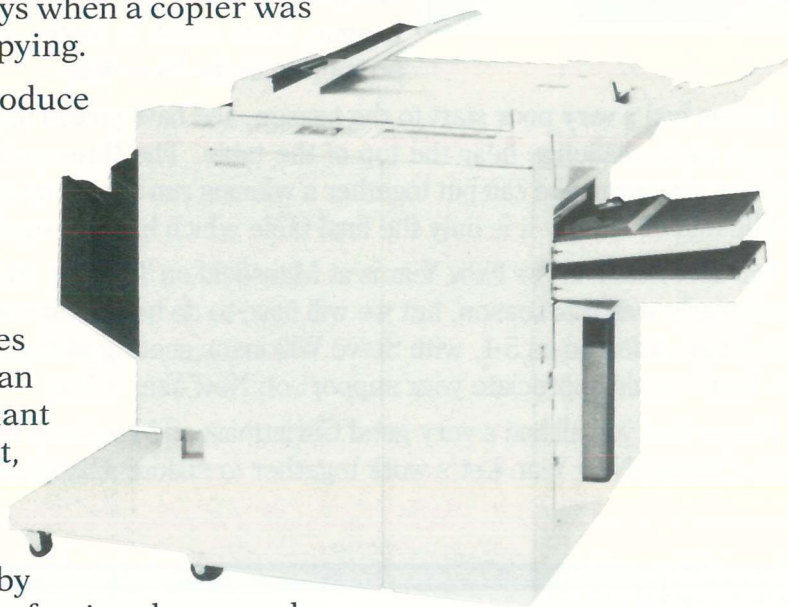
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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Chief Executive Annie Bassett writes



Good afternoon and welcome again to St. Andrews, a very Happy New Year all of you here today, and may 1991 bring you success for the Blues.

During January we will be welcoming two new faces at our monthly management meeting, they are, Marion Wilmott, Accounts Office Manager, and Neil Jackson, Souvenir Shop Manager. We must thank Carol Crossland very much for her help and hard work in the shop to date. Remember the January sale for your bargain purchases from Wednesday, 2nd January.

Our new developments starting in January are the Business "Booster" Lunches, and Family Sunday Lunches, when we hope you will book a table in the Gold Club Restaurant, and enjoy Sunday Lunch with some of your favourite 'Blues' players, you can do this by calling Rod Holdon on (021) 766 7320.

Sponsors and small business people are invited to join the "Booster" Lunch Club which will meet bi-monthly in the Gold Club Restaurant beginning in February 1991.

The Youth Development 'Patrons' Committee will begin meeting in the New Year, with a view of raising finance for Youth Development; this is one of the most important areas of a football club, and requires consistent effort of growth.

A more positive Community Care Campaign will begin in January with the start of the schools 'SAFE' Campaign and we would like to thank "Directors" Video Company and Gibbs Hartley Cooper Limited for their support and sponsorship in producing the video for the presentations.

Again I have to apologise for the refreshments on the Kop. In an attempt to try and help by supplementing the service, we may initially have made it worse. I am sorry, we do not have enough power available for all requirements in that area of the ground, and hope that mobiles will assist in the short term. We are trying to make available both hot food and hot drinks, not nearly hot or cold! During the close season work can be undertaken to put the problem right, it is however very expensive and we are having to apply for aid in order to get the work completed.

Early in the spring season ticket details will be announced along with details and benefits for them and members.

Match tickets are available from the Club Shop Monday to Friday and from 9a.m. on Saturdays or Tuesday games, in the Main Ticket Office near the Main Offices. Telephone bookings can be made using your Access or Barclaycard – call (021) 766 8274. Family Enclosure Tickets are available from Club Shop or Main Office – adults *must* be accompanied by a child in this area.

All good wishes for a good time New Years Eve – but remember – don't drink and drive!

Annie Bassett
Chief Executive



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Hello again, a very warm welcome to everyone here at St Andrews.

This is a great way to start the New Year by thanking the companies who are giving our Senior Citizens the chance to once again be VIP's in our Sponsor's Hospitality Box and Lounge. Ladies and gentlemen welcome, we hope you have a happy and memorable day.



JOAN HILL
Commercial Manager

Welcome to our matchball sponsors our old friends Evans Halshaw.

January sees the start of the Children Safe Campaign together with Company Booster Lunches in the Gold Executive Club.

Please call me for details of these new projects and indeed for any commercial or community inquiries.



PHOTOGRAPHS TO MARK THE END OF 1990

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*Before the start of the
Rotherham match
Simon Sturridge receives his
Young Eagle of the Month award
from Alex Patterson,
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ACTION GALLERY



*Above: TREVOR AYLOTT determined to keep possession for The Blues.
Below: VINCE OVERSON making a run against Brentford.*



SCENE ON THREE

The Football League has set a contentious precedent by suspending a referee for sending off a player for an offence which no longer warrants dismissal.

Graham Pooley of Bishop's Stortford was suspended for one match after sending off Rotherham's Ronnie Robinson for deliberate handball during their 4-2 defeat at Bournemouth on 10th November.

The success of Rotherham's appeal caused sufficient embarrassment for the League's refereeing sub-committee to vote for disciplinary action against Mr. Pooley. They explained that deliberate handball, once deemed a sending-off offence, now warranted only a caution, and therefore mis-interpretation of the laws could not go 'un-punished'.

Bournemouth manager Harry Redknapp, surprised by the dismissal, commented, 'Andy Jones hit a shot which was heading for the top corner. It was the save of the day, and we got a penalty which Luther Blissett scored to make it 4-1, so we had no complaints. I thought the handball was worth a booking - no more. When Robinson was sent off I assumed he must have been booked earlier, but he wasn't'.

Neither the Public Relations Officer for the Referee's Association, nor Phil Don, who serves the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen in the same capacity, were prepared to comment on the implications of the suspension, and the likelihood of a welter of appeals undermining the authority of officials.



Quite often, from various quarters, we hear complaints and comments concerning fixtures played in close succession, and the strain it puts on footballers when a run of midweek matches are played in addition to Saturday fixtures. But if football players feel hard done by, they might take note of the replay arrangements for the Rugby League Regal Trophy semi-finals this month.

Should the matches between Rochdale Hornets and Bradford Northern, and Warrington against Widnes be level after 80 minutes (normal time), extra time of 30 minutes will be played. If still level after extra time, the replay will take place the **next day**, at the same venue. No messin'!



If anyone is sober enough to make the trip to Mansfield on New Year's Day, I'm sure the lads would appreciate some 'moral' support. With kick-off scheduled for 11.30am, the lads will obviously be taking it steady the night before, and even Paul Tait will be 'ravin' sober! Only joking Paul.

Undoubtedly, recent results (Tranmere, Brentford and Bolton today) will determine the number of 'happy travellers' making the journey on January 1st. . . here's to raising the odd roof or two. Cheers. . .

ANDREW THOMAS

POLICE REPORT

I hope next year continues as this year has ended, particularly as far as crowd behaviour is concerned.


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TERRACE TALK

Owing to the Xmas Holidays and subsequent printing deadlines, this column is being written before the results against Tranmere and Brentford are known. I discussed the present problems in the Brentford programme, so felt today would be a good opportunity to look further afield.

How many remember when the F.A. Cup was more than the 'play-thing' of the T.V. companies it has become today? Matches are regularly switched to Friday, Sunday and now even Monday, to satisfy T.V. The draw for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup was reserved for the handful of people able to receive B.S.B. and for many the excitement of the draw was lost. Coupled with the news that the Police are once again trying to run football, and a stalemate after just two games will be settled with a penalty shoot-out, then you can see just how much the F.A. Cup is being devalued. However, before the F.A. moan too much about the switching of games, it must be remembered that they agreed to the demands of B.S.B. when contracts were signed.

Many of us are sick of the 'Gazza' mania sweeping the Country at present. I must regrettably add to his publicity following the scandalous decision of the Radio Times readers in naming him Sports Personality of the Year. When you consider the claims and achievements of Nick Faldo, Stephen Hendry, Steve Backley etc., it makes a mockery of a programme intended to honour the top sports-person. Watching the awards, it was difficult to see who was more embarrassed, Bobby Charlton making the award, or Paul Gascoigne receiving it.

Interesting to look back at previous attendances over the Xmas period. With home gates now down to around the 5,000 mark, what would the Club give for the 265,000 fans who watched just seven Xmas games at St. Andrews during the 1970's. If only the Club had been better run off the field during that time, what might have been? Mind you, in other respects not a lot changes – we only won two of those games!

The inconsistency of referees continues to drive everyone mad. As if there haven't been enough problems with the way referees interpret the law, we now have the farcical situation of some players being sent off for little more than 'blowing their nose'. Others, particularly those who wear the red shirts at Anfield, seem to be governed by a different set of rules and at times get away with murder. Referees please note – the rules apply to all 92 clubs, not 91.

Finally, best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful year and a rapid climb up the table for Blues.

IVOR CRIGMAN

"BLUES ON VIDEO"...

Moving into top class quality

Roy Nicol is now in his second season of producing the official match videos of the Blues games here at St. Andrews. Roy is greatly involved with the team, and a lot of the behind the scenes goings on at St. Andrews. He also videos other sports as well, including Speedway, Rugby League, Ice Hockey, and the occasional wedding from time to time. He is 35 years of age, married, has two children, being Kirsty who is 8 months old, and his son Adam, who is eight. Roy feels the Blues on Video project is now heading on the right lines.

"I started to video soccer firstly a few years ago at Stockport County, when Colin Murphy was manager. Oddly enough Trevor Matthewson was then captain of the team. I still have a few connections there, and video the odd game now and again as they play Friday night. I suppose I still have a bit of a soft spot for them, and follow their results.

Although I am based in Manchester, I have become a Blues fanatic. It's got to the point where all my family and friends are also obsessed with it as well, and are all looking out for the Blues results every Saturday! I enjoy filming the matches immensely, and have made a lot of friends here at the club, and hope to carry on with the project as long as the club want me too.

Taking over the project 18 months ago was an immense task. Firstly we had to rewire the main stand, to enable our camera picture to be beamed, via a live broadcast, into all the executive boxes, and the Gold & D Club. Perhaps many supporters don't even realise that a live broadcast is going on during the course of a match, which certainly gives the match presentation a much more professional look about it. The next job was to design a professional looking cover for the videos, which he did to a reasonable extent. The third and most difficult task was to try and get the Blues supporters interested in actually buying the videos, and thinking of a video of their team as a worthwhile souvenir of the club.

Sales of Blues videos last season actually hit record levels, although to be honest we were still finding our feet during our first season, and some of the videos were better than others. Many supporters may judge us on our 'Goals of the Season' video, which for our first attempt at such a tape, was a fairly good effort. It has to be remembered that the average price of a Goals video in the Third Division is over £20 (Wigan charge £25 for theirs). Our video was only £12.99, one of the cheapest in the Division.

The best selling videos from last year were the games against Crewe, Northampton, Tranmere and Rotherham, the best selling video to away supporters was the 4 nil win by Bristol City. We sold well over 100 copies of that game, and in January as well!

The Board and officials of the club monitor our progress carefully, and insist that we provide a First Division quality look about the tapes. We have just recently changed the cover case to a really smart looking all colour design, which we believe to be the best in the League. We have also invested in some new camera equipment to improve the quality even further. For the recent F.A. Cup tie against Brentford we had a two camera operation, which may be worth looking at.

Although the goals have been a bit scarce this season there have still been some good matches. The home games against Leyton Orient, and the superb match against Southend are well worth looking at, plus the away match at Wigan. The most popular game so far was the F.A. Cup Tie against Cheltenham Town, which turned out to be an amazing game!

It has been said that the current range of souvenirs you can buy from Birmingham City, supporters can feel proud of them. We feel that the Blues videos are now moving into that category as well.

FACE IN THE CROWD



*This week's face
in the crowd
spotted watching
the last home
game wins 2 free
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Two Blues fans wrapped up warm to watch the match chat to Mother Christmas.



*Father Christmas and **SIMON STURRIDGE** with **PAUL HUNT**.*



Father Christmas helpers visit children on the 'Kop'.



THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Having just 'survived' the 103rd Annual General Meeting of Birmingham City FC PLC, on 18/12/90, I thought it appropriate to give the fans a 'minor' insight of the financial situation at the club. Hence, I republish my report.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Birmingham Post and Andy Colquhoun for presenting a balanced opinion of the accounts.

Despite recent results, it was pleasing to see that the Manager did not come under too much criticism, except by certain select areas. An overall feeling came through that the team, Manager and indeed the club need to be **truly** supported.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

18.12.90

A week in politics is a long time, indeed this maybe said of football also. Therefore, it is worth casting our minds back to what was on offer to the Kumar brothers having acquired Birmingham City Football Club.

On the footballing front, we inherited a side that had just been relegated to the Third Division and arguably would have completed that particular season rock bottom had new owners and new team management, not been announced. There were far too many youngsters who had been introduced to the cauldren of First Team football in grossly unfair circumstances. There were no experienced players to sell, to bring in valuable finance to help improve a poor squad, only a few confidence ridden promising youngsters.

If the on-field possibilities appeared pessimistic, the general running of the club left even less to be desired. No soccer/souvenir shop, except the reception desk. A club programme that was considered the worst in the Midlands. Sub-standard catering facilities around the stadium, at inflated prices and poor service and hygiene. There was no Junior Blues. The 'D' Club, considered by many as the 'heartbeat' of the club was in decay. The players changing rooms had missing and broken tiles, inefficient showers, if they worked at all, and a bath tub harbouring the biggest spiders web you can imagine. There was a franchised lottery department and franchised, indeed part time, commercial department. Basically, the club had allowed profitability to be passed on (franchised) hence allowing standards and service to drop.

Certainly the new football management has brought discipline and confidence within a new squad of players who certainly would not have allowed the team to be relegated. There is of course much room for improvement but the team continues to improve.

Whilst the on field 'team' required a massive cash injection, the 'off the field' team also required investment. There was **no** confidence from local business, obviously as a result of poor services and facility. Given gate receipts do not cover expenditure at any but perhaps few select clubs, this area of corporate support was a major concern. This confidence was not helped by the hooligan stigma that was associated with the club, perhaps unfairly, but nevertheless evident.

Report to be continued next programme

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the fans, sponsors and staff at Blues the very merriest Christmas. Please take care on the roads and do not drink and drive despite the temptation over the festivities.

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED



Good afternoon,

I hope you are all in a party mood and ready to see in the New Year.

Plans have been made for a long time at the Club for the New Year and the years to come. There are many challenges ahead of us to try and improve the facilities here.

First and foremost is the problem of cold pies on the Kop. Please believe me when I say I am trying to improve things for you. I do not forget you over there. I know how frustrating it is when you are cold and all you want is a hot pie and hot drink.

We are bringing mobiles in to off load the demand on the electrics; I am aware there were some problems when these were first

brought in, however this should now have been solved. Can I

please ask you to be patient with me a little longer – that does not mean I do not want to hear from you – keep your letters coming in – we must communicate with each other.

With regards to 'D' Club and the Gold Club they are available for your use. From a social get together, business meetings or a large function I will arrange everything for you.

May I wish you all a successful and Happy New Year.

Cheers,
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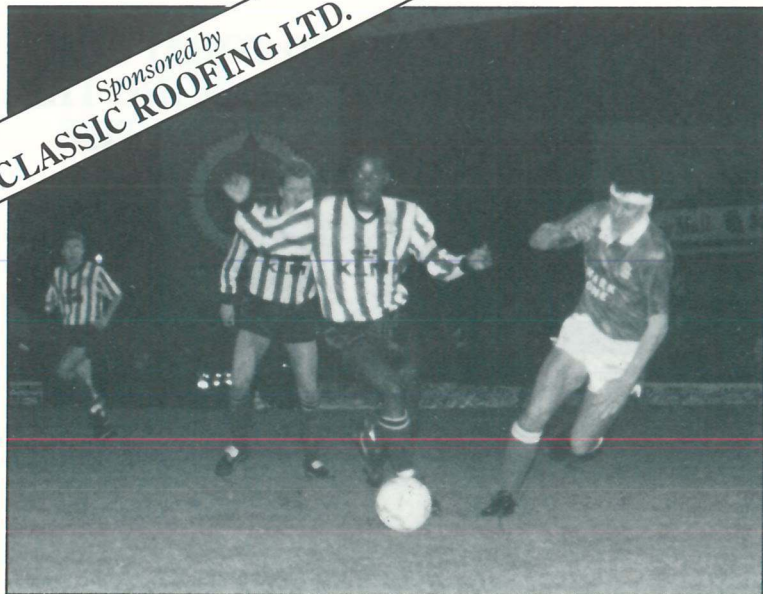
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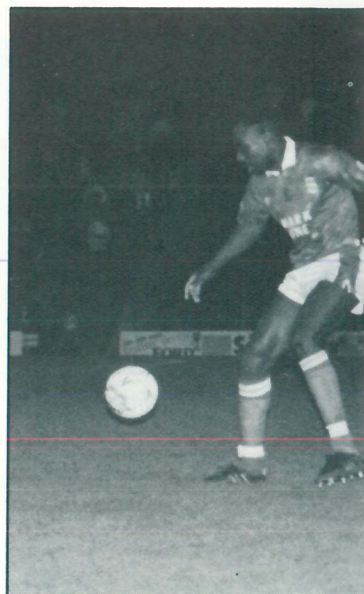


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JUNIOR BLUES

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are available to all Junior Blues for every home game, either at Soccer Special from Phil or, should there be no training, tickets will be available from Fiona at the reception area of the Main Office. Parents attending the Special can purchase a ticket using the same arrangements. Juniors £2, Adults £5.

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AFTER CHRISTMAS '5' A SIDE & BUFFET

Arrangements are underway for a Junior Blues day playing '5' A Side at the training ground, Elmdon. The competition will take place between Dads and coaches, we are also trying to arrange players to pay a visit. Then back to the ground to the 'D' Club for refreshments and prizes. If you have any good suggestions for the day let any committee member know a.s.a.p.

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COMPETITION WINNER

Name: Jonathan Downes. Aged: 7 years.
Gift presentation on pitch at half time by Father Christmas.

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Mosley Rovers Under 12s managed by Dennis Darlington were our guests at 'Soccer Special' in the morning (Rotherham match) we had an enjoyable morning. After a 1 hour coaching session, junior Blues played a '7' A Side match. Then on to the ground for refreshments in the family rooms. At half time Junior Blues played a 10 minute game on the pitch, ably refereed by substitute linesman! Blues kept their home record intact running out 2-0 winners, a much appreciated gesture by Dennis Darlington and "Moseley Rovers" was their presentation of a trophy to Junior Blues, this will take pride of place in our Trophy Cabinet when we get one!! On that point is there anyone who could help us out with a glass trophy/photograph display cabinet then contact **PHIL SHAW**.

Thanks again to Dennis and his lads for a very enjoyable day!

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AWAY TRIP TO MANSFIELD TOWN F.C.

1st January 1991, Kick Off 11.30a.m.

Junior Blues only, Families · First Team

If you are interested in an away trip to Mansfield Town, 1st January 1991 ring Jim Morgan (a.s.a.p.) to book your seats. We will be playing the Junior Stags (a.m.) due to the early First Team kick off time. We will be leaving St. Andrews at 08.00a.m. Hurry! As there are only 50 places on the coach.

JIM MORGAN - 475 7301



ON THE COUCH With Peter Henderson

Here we go again! Very little time to get the sick and lame back on the pitch again. This is where luck plays a part in games over the Xmas period. Any little twist or strain, hasn't the time to recover.

We do not have an endless supply of players, so it's a challenge to keep as many players as possible fit until the glut of games have ended. It is also an opportunity to sort out the men from the boys.

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Back Row (L. to R.): Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Comstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Robbie Savage.
MIDDLE ROW (L. to R.): Phil Neal (Manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (Coach).
Front Row (L. to R.): Ewan Simpson, (Physiotherapist), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver Scott Green, Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BOLTON WANDERERS

One of the 37 Founder members of the Football League, the Wanderers were originally known as Christ Church when they were formed in 1874. In 1877 the present name was adopted – a name which was to become one of the best known in English Football.

The Wanderers moved to their current home at Burnden Park in 1895 after spells at Park Recreation Ground, Cockles Field and Pikes Lane.

Bolton was the first winner of the F.A. Cup Final following its move to Wembley Stadium in 1923. An estimated 200,000 packed the Empire Stadium to overflowing with a further 500,000 locked outside. The Wanderers dominated the competition in the twenties, going on to lift the Cup in 1926 and 1929, but they had to wait until 1958 for their next major honour. Then the legendary Nat Lofthouse led the team to further F.A. Cup glory when they beat the Munich ravaged Manchester United side by 2-0.

In the League, Bolton enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911-33 and again from 1935-64. In 1970/71 the Club dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history. Two years later they were promoted as champions.

First Division status was regained at the end of the 1977/78 season being promoted as champions after twice finishing in Fourth place in the Second Division. Relegation followed in 1980 and Bolton found themselves back in the Third Division in 1985. In 1987 they were relegated to Division Four for the first time but twelve months later won promotion.

Bolton Wanderers returned to Wembley, the scene of so many triumphs, in May 1986 as finalists in the Freight Rover Trophy, losing to Bristol City. Three

years later they returned again, in the newly named Sherpa Van Trophy, this time tasting success in a 4-3 victory over Torquay United.

DAVID FELGATE: Goalkeeper: Born Blaenau Ffestiniog – Commenced his career with the Wanderers but failed to make a League appearance before being sold to Lincoln City for a £25,000 fee. Whilst at Sincil Bank he won his only Welsh International cap and in February 1987 returned to Bolton from Grimsby Town for £15,000.

KEVIN ROSE: Goalkeeper: Born Evesham – Began with non League Ledbury Town from where he moved to Lincoln City. He returned to non League without having played for City but his next move saw him make 268 League appearances for Hereford United. Came to Burnden Park for £20,000 in July 1989.

PHIL BROWN: Full back: Born South Shields – Club captain who has been an everpresent in the side for the past two seasons since his £17,000 move from Halifax Town. He made 135 League appearances for the Yorkshire club after playing over 200 times for his first club Hartlepool United.

PAUL HUGHES: Full back: Born Manchester – Came through the Wanderers youth policy to make his League debut during the Fourth Division promotion winning season of 1987/88. For the last two seasons he has been dogged by injury problems that has kept his appearances to a minimum.

BARRY COWDRILL: Full back/midfield: Born Birmingham – Began his League career with West Bromwich Albion who secured his services from Sutton Coldfield Town. He moved to Burnden two seasons ago after 131 games for Albion and was last seasons player of the year.

ANDREWS

DAVID BURKE: Full back: Born Winsford – In his second spell with Bolton, his first League club, after a £60,000 move from Crystal Palace during the close season. A former England youth International he left Burnden in 1981 to join Huddersfield and made over 200 appearances for them before moving to Selhurst Park in 1987.

DEAN CROMBIE: Defender: Born Lincoln – An experienced player who commenced his League career with his home town club. In 1978 he moved to Grimsby Town and made over 350 appearances before coming to Burnden in 1987. Can play either the left back position or in central defence.

MARK WINSTANLEY: Defender: Born St. Helens – A 'home grown' player who made his debut in 1986. Became a regular in the side two years later and has now over 100 appearances to his credit. His consistent performances have been a feature that have attracted the attention of some First Division clubs.

MIKE JEFFREY: Forward: Born Liverpool – Made his debut as a 17 year old in March 1989 but failed to hold down a regular spot in the side. Was last seasons leading scorer for the reserves.

IAN STEVENS: Forward: Born Malta – Spent the summer playing in Finland but has still to force his way into the team after joining the Club in 1987. Began his career at Preston before spending a short time with Stockport County.

MARK CANN: Defender: Born Exeter – Joined the Wanderers from non League Winsford United in 1984. Became a regular twelve months later but a broken leg in 1988 kept him out of the game for a long period. Forced his way back into the team last season and popped up with some important goals in the marathon Cup tie against Swindon Town.

JULIAN DARBY: Midfield: Born Bolton – A product of the Clubs youth policy who has proved to be a versatile member of the squad since making his debut in 1986. Over 150 appearances for his home town club and was an everpresent last term in which he scored 12 goals.

STEVE THOMPSON: Midfield: Born Oldham – The Clubs longest serving professional having made his debut in November 1982. Came through the youth ranks and has since played over 300 games in three divisions of Football League.

STUART STORER: Midfield/Forward: Born Harborough – Joined Bolton in a £25,000 deal from Everton in January 1988 after a loan spell. Began his career with Mansfield Town before moving to Birmingham City and then on to Goodison Park.

GARY HENSHAW: MIDFIELD: Born Leeds – Moved to Burnden from his only other League club, Grimsby Town in July 1987. He failed to command a regular place last term and spent some time out on loan with Rochdale.

ROBBIE SAVAGE: Midfield: Born Liverpool – Missed most of last season through injury. First appeared in the Football League in a loan period with Wrexham from his first club Liverpool. Since played with Stoke City, Bournemouth and Bradford City from whom he joined Bolton in September 1987.

PAUL COMSTIVE: Midfield: Born Southport – Joined the Wanderers in September 1989 from Burnley after making 82 appearances for the Turf Moor Club. Began with Blackburn Rovers and his other clubs include Rochdale (loan), Wigan Athletic and Wrexham.

SCOTT GREEN: Midfield: Born Walsall – A £50,000 fee secured the 20 year old from Derby County last March. He failed to appear in the first team at the Baseball Ground but forced his way into the Bolton side in the latter stages of the campaign.

DAVID REAVES: Forward: Born Birkenhead – A tribunal set his fee at £80,000 when he moved to the Wanderers from Sheffield Wednesday last summer. Joined Wednesday from non League football and subsequently got his first taste of League football in loan spells with Scunthorpe and Burnley.

Other players in the first team squad include **Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher and Darren Oliver** who have all yet to make their debut.

NEW SIGNINGS

MARK SEAGRAVES – £100,000 signing from Manchester City in September. Can play either centre half or full back – ex-Liverpool.

SAMMY LEE Free transfer from Southampton. Former England International and played for Liverpool and Q.P.R.

FOR THE RECORD

BOLTON WANDERERS BURNDEN PARK BOLTON

F. A. CUP WINNERS: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958.

F. A. CUP FINALISTS: 1874, 1908, 1953.

FREIGHT ROVER FINALISTS: 1986.

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS: 1908/09, 1977/78.

THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS: 1935/36.

SHERPA VAN TROPHY WINNERS: 1989.

BURNDEN PARK CAPACITY: 27,300

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 69,918 v Manchester City 1933.

PITCH MEASUREMENTS: 113 yards v 76 yards.

CLUB NICKNAME: The Trotters.

MANAGERS SINCE 1946: Walter Rossley, Bill Ridding, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy McIroy, Jimmy Meadows, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves, Stan Anderson, George Nuthall, John McGovern, Charlie Wright.

PRESENT MANAGER: Phil Neal.

RECORD VICTORY: 13-0 v Sheffield United, 1898.

RECORD DEFEAT: 0-7 v Manchester City, 1936.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Joe Smith, 38, 1920/21.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL AGGREGATE: Nat Lofthouse, 255, 1946-51.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Nat Lofthouse, 33, England.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Eddie Hopkinson, 519, 1956-78.

STAR PLAYER



TONY PHILLISKIRK

Forward. Born Sunderland. Last season's leading goalscorer after his close season £50,000 move to Burnden from Preston North End. Began his career with Sheffield United, making 80 appearances, before moving to Oldham in July 1988 where he spent only seven months.



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PLAYER



PROFILE

JOHN FRAIN (5ft 9in and 11st 8lbs) was born in Acocks Green, Birmingham 22 years ago. He attended Holy Souls and Archbishop Ilsley Schools. He is single and enjoys playing cricket and golf when not playing football.

John likes Indian and Chinese food and lager.

His favourite programmes are Only Fools and Horses and Cheers and his favourite film

is 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.'

John likes Demi Moore and Harrison Ford and likes to listen to most music especially U2 and Talk Talk.

Footballers who John admires are Bryan Robson and Matthaus and the main influences are his family and Keith Bradley.

John's ambitions are to be healthy, happy and successful.

QUIZ TIME



1. What combat sport did Dr. Jigoro Kano devise in Japan in 1882?
2. What sportsmen might use a "mashie-niblick"?
3. What is Holland's most successful European Cup team?
4. What golfer has been called 'Ohio Fats' and 'Blobbo'?
5. How many eyes are there in a deck of 52 cards?
6. What sport does Thumper the rabbit take up in Bambi?
7. What team has been dubbed the 'Aristocrats of British Soccer'?
8. Which side of a bull fight stadium are the seats the cheapest?
9. What major sport has the Calcutta Cup as one of its trophies?
10. What Herman and the Hermits film was set against a background of dog racing?
11. What sport is the Glenfiddich Invitation accepted in?
12. What year saw the first colour broadcast of the F.A. Cup Final?
13. What did English race horses first experience in 1966?
14. Who won the 1986 World Snooker Championship?
15. Why didn't Spain's supporters sing their national anthem at the last Olympic Games?
16. What is the only British League soccer club with a 'J' in its name?
17. What sport saw a record transfer fee of £35,000 paid for a player in 1980?
18. Who was the first English footballer to be capped at every level?
19. What horse ran the 1975 Grand National?
20. What is 'Old Jem's' job at Lords Cricket Ground?
21. What sport do Flying Camels appear in?
22. In what sport can you win the Swaythling Cup?
23. Which British Welterweight knocked Don Curry out of World Contention?
24. What sport features sculls, strokes and slides?
25. Who was the only Swede to hold the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship?
26. Who was the controversial bodyline bowler of the 1930's?
27. What sporting season opens with a bang on August 12th?
28. Who owns the Oval Cricket Ground?
29. Which soccer player was the first to achieve 1,000 League appearances?
30. What event saw a world record 11 seconds for 100 yards set in 1909 by two men, a record that still stands?

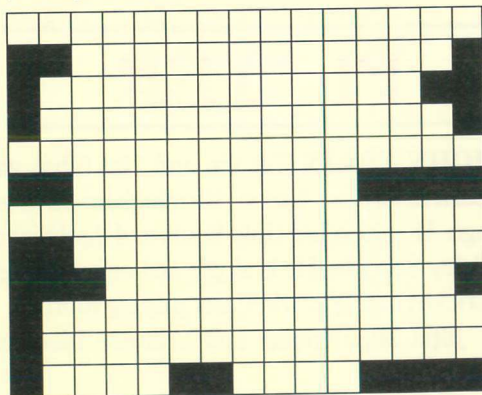
AT BIRMINGHAM

WIN A DAY OUT TRAINING WITH THE TEAM!

Yes, folks, first prize in our special Christmas Quiz is your chance to spend a day training with The Blues. Second prize is an autographed football, and for five other lucky winners there will be two match tickets for a home League match of your choice. To enter, simply answer the questions on this and the next page, and send your answers to Shaz and Dave here at the club. Don't worry if you can't answer all of the questions, have a go anyway. In the event of a tie, a draw will be made. Entries must reach us by January 11th. **GOOD LUCK!**

Fill in the answers to the following questions in the grid. The names of two players are jumbled up in the arrowed lines. What is the connection between them?

- a) Originally called Christchurch FC
- b) Where Chester City play at home!
- c) Nickname of Blackpool.
- d) Last year's beaten F.A. Cup finalists
- e) York City play here.
- f) Former Blues 'keeper now at Manchester City.
- g) Their ground only has three sides!
- h) Youngest player to play in a League match for Blues.
- i) First Division Champions 1973-74.
- j) Third Division Champions 1978-79.
- k) The ground in the shadow of the Blackpool Tower.
- l) Manager of Torquay United 1984-85.



N.B. We don't need answers to questions a) to l), we just need the connection!!

LUCKY PROGRAMME DRAW

If your Lucky Programme does **NOT** carry an X in the right hand box of this Voucher **YOU ARE A WINNER.**

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Take your Voucher to The Blues Souvenir Shop, Cattell Road, to obtain your prize.

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WIN!
WIN!**



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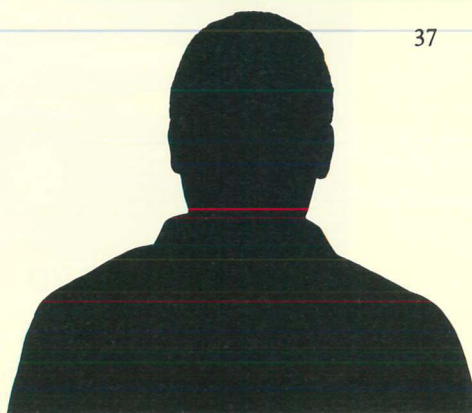
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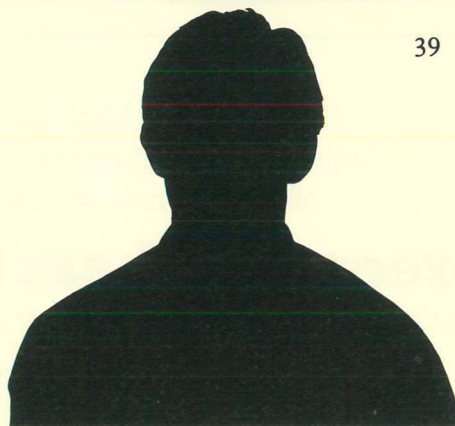
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FINALLY, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON A FEW MORE QUESTIONS

40. Who scored the first Football League goal scored on a Sunday?
41. What have Newcastle United done at Roker Park, and are likely to do again, but will never do at St. James' Park?
42. How many international caps did Harry Hibbs win whilst playing for The Blues?
43. What is the main ingredient of a boulloubaise?
44. Which club was promoted following the Fourth Division play-offs, despite finishing 10 points behind the fourth placed team?
45. If SHAZ is worth 54, and DAVE is worth 32, how much are BLUES worth?
46. What is the highest possible break in snooker worth? (careful!)
47. What colour are croquet balls?
48. What is the distance from the dartboard to the oche?
49. Which GM Vauxhall Conference side plays at York Street?
50. When was the first live transmission of the F.A. Cup Final?

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YOUTH REPORT

On Saturday, 19th January, the winner of the Birmingham City round of the Barclays Under 16's Penalty Competition will be representing the club at Highfield Road when Coventry City play Aston Villa.

Gareth Shaw (12) beat off competition from five other lads chosen by the club, to reach the Final. He will be competing against lads from the seven other Midlands clubs.

The eight participants will take penalties before the game, to narrow the competitors down to two or three who will shoot out at half time.

The winner of the Final will receive two tickets for the England v. Cameroon match at Wembley on 6th February, and runners up will receive a high quality Barclays football.



SHOP OPENING TIMES

Christmas & New Year 1990/91

Wednesday 26th December 10.00am-6.00pm
Thursday 27th December 9.00am-6.00pm
Friday 28th December 9.00am-6.00pm
Saturday 29th December 9.00am-6.00pm
Wednesday 2nd January 9.00am-6.00pm
Thursday 3rd January 9.00am-6.00pm



F.A. YOUTH CUP

BLUES v. LEYTON ORIENT

This match will take place at Brisbane Road on Monday, 7th January with a 7.00p.m. kick-off.

If you are interested in following the Youths on the Cup Trail, give us a ring, as we may take a coach if demand is sufficient.

FORWARD WITH YOUTH by FRED DAVIES



Good afternoon.

In the next couple of months I will be making final assessments of our sixteen-year old Associate School-boys with a view to allocating our YTS places. Of course for the boys who have been successful it means a new career in professional football and the potential rewards that come later in their careers. But for the boys who are unfortunate, it will obviously be a knockback in their ambitions. Telling boys and their parents that we feel they fall short of the standards required is still the part of my job that I will never get used to, considering that some of these boys have been with the club since they were 12 years old, but the process of developing for the future continues.

Christmas half-term training went down well with our Under 14's playing games against Bristol and Nottingham. Several boys impressed and we will be making efforts to secure their signatures for the future. Christmas also saw a chance to assemble the Youth Scouting Squad from around the country for a social evening. It is not very often that we have the opportunity to assemble the complete staff and I enjoyed the occasion. I am continually impressed with the effort and commitment to The Blues shown by these part-time scouts. On behalf of Brian Casewell and myself. Our thanks for all their efforts over the last 12 months.

A Happy New Year to you all.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As well as training during the week in readiness for a Saturday afternoon exertions, players all over the country also perform many other duties – usually connected with raising money for charity.

Last week I attended one such function at the Captains Lock Public House in Solihull trying to raise money for the Children's Handicapped Association.

One of the prizes in the raffle were two tickets for today's game against Bolton, won by Miss Debby Tripper from Kingshurst. I hope she and whoever accompanies her today will have an enjoyable time.

Earlier in the season I had an opportunity to see Bolton play and although they lost 3-2 at Coventry that day they showed they are a well organized team with Tony Philliskirk scoring regularly for them. Hopefully he won't succeed today.

Finally, on behalf of all the players I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. *Cheers.*



STATISTICS

BIRMINGHAM F.C. LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

● Matches at St. Andrews

RC denotes Rumbelows Cup
F.A. Cup denotes Football Association Cup

BIRMINGHAM F.C. LEAGUE DIVISION THREE			RESULT	ATTENDANCE	THOMAS	ASHLEY	FRAN	DOWNS	OVERSON	MATTHEWSON	PEER	TAIT	BAILEY	GLEGHORN	HOPKINS	STURRIDGE	CLARKSON	FOX	MORAN	RUTHERFORD	LANGLEY	AYLOTT
● Matches at St. Andrews																						
RC denotes Rumbelows Cup F.A. Cup denotes Football Association Cup																						
Aug	25	Cambridge United	1-0	6,338	1	2	4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	9	14	12					
	28	● AFC Bournemouth (RC 1(1))	0-1	5,110	1	2	4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	9	14	12					
Sept	1	● Leyton Orient	3-1	5,847	1	2	4	3		6	7	11	8	10	9	14		5	12			
	4	AFC Bournemouth (RC 1 (2))	1-1	4,490	1	2	4	3		6	7	11	8	10	9	14		5	12			
	8	Stoke City	1-0	16,009	1	2	4	3		6	7	11	8	10	14	12		5	9			
	15	● Bury	1-0	7,344	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	12	14	2		9			
	18	● Exeter City	1-1	7,703	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	12	9	2		14			
	22	Wigan Athletic	1-1	3,904	1		4		5	3		11	8	10	7	9	2	6		12	14	
	29	● Preston North End	1-1	7,154	1		4	12	5	3	7	11	8		9		2	6	14	10		
Oct	2	Fulham	2-2	4,011	1		4	10	5	3	7	11	8			9	2	6	12	14		
	6	Reading	2-2	5,695	1		4	3	5	6	7		8	10	11	9	2	12		14		
	13	● Southend United	1-1	9,333	1		4	3	5	6	7		8	10	11	9	2	12	14			
	20	● Grimsby Town	0-0	10,123	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	2	9		12		14		
	23	Crewe Alexandra	1-1	4,449	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	14	10	2	8		12				9
	27	Shrewsbury Town	1-4	6,050	1			4	5	3		11	12	10	7	8	2	6		14		9
Nov	3	● Huddersfield Town	1-2	7,412	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	12	10	2	8	14					9
	7	Walsall - Leyland Daf Cup	og1-0	5,053	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	12	10	2	8	14					9
	10	Chester City	1-0	2,273	1		4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	2		12		14			
	17	● Cheltenham - F.A. Cup 1	1-0	7,942			4	3	5	6	7	11	8	10	2	9		12				
	24	● A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	7,416	1		4	3	5	6	7		8	10	2	11	12					
	27	● Lincoln City - Leyland Daf Cup	og2-0	2,922	1		4	3	5	6	7		8	10		11	2	12				
Dec	1	Swansea City	0-2	4,896	1		4	3	5	6	7		14	10	11	2	12					9
	12	● Brentford - F.A. Cup 2	1-3	5,072	1		4	3	5	6	7		8	10		11	2	14				12
	15	● Rotherham United	2-1	4,734	1		4	3	5	6	12	11	14	10			2					9
	21	Tranmere Rovers (K.O. 7.30pm)																				
	26	● Brentford																				
	29	● Bolton Wanderers																				
Jan	1	Mansfield Town (K.O. 11.30am)																				
	5	● Bradford City (F.A. Cup 3)																				
	12	Leyton Orient																				
	19	● Cambridge United																				
	26	Bury (F.A. Cup 4)																				
Feb	2	Exeter City																				
	5	● Wigan Athletic																				
	9	● Stoke City																				
	12	Bradford City																				
	16	AFC Bournemouth (F.A. Cup 5)																				
	23	● Chester City																				
Mar	2	● Swansea City																				
	9	Rotherham United (F.A. Cup 6)																				
	12	● Fulham																				
	16	Preston North End																				
	19	Southend United																				
	23	● Reading																				
	30	Brentford																				
Apr	1	● Tranmere Rovers (K.O. 3.00pm)																				
	6	Bolton Wanderers																				
	13	● Mansfield Town (F.A. Cup Semi Finals)																				
	20	Grimsby Town																				
	27	● Crewe Alexandra																				
May	4	● Shrewsbury Town																				
	11	Huddersfield Town																				
	18	(F.A. Cup Final)																				



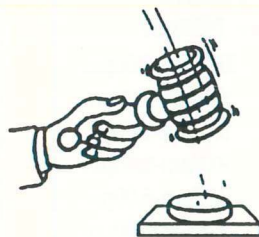
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